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SUBJECT: LONDON AD HOC MEETING ON GRAIN RESERVES

REF: (A) LONDON 2163; (B) USEC 1246; (C) LONDON 2394

1. REFTEL (A) REPORTED ON LONDON GRAIN RESERVES MEETING AND REFTEL (B) ON FIRST REACTIONS OF COMMISSION OFFICIAL MALVE TO THAT MEETING. REFTEL (C) REPORTS ON SUBSEQUENT IWC DECISION TO APPOINT A PREPARATORY GROUP TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBLE BASES FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO REPLACE THE IWA, AND US UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS LANGUAGE INCORPORATES US VIEW ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GRAIN RESERVES IN ANY NEW ARRANGEMENT.

2. US EXPECTS WORK BY PREPARATORY GROUP TO INCLUDE THOROUGH TREATMENT OF RESERVES ISSUE, AND ON A BASIS WHICH DOES NOT PREJUDGE ITS COMMODITY COVERAGE AND WE ARE PLANNING SHORTLY TO ADVISE IWC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO THAT EFFECT. THIS WOULD BE, OF COURSE, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE VIEWS OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN PREPGROUP.

3. USEC REQUESTED TO FOLLOW UP ON MALVE CONVERSATION SOONEST WITH APPROPRIATE COMMISSION OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE HOW THEIR OWN VIEWS ARE SHAPING UP WITH REGARD TO IWC PREPGROUP AND ITS ACTIVITIES. FYI ONLY: DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING DESIRABILITY OF POSSIBLE SHORT BI-LATERAL DISCUSSION IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WITH EC OFFICIALS ON THIS ISSUE, AT WHICH TIME WE WOULD EXPECT TO GO INTO OUR VIEWS ON FUTURE DISCUSSIONS ON RESERVES IN GREATER DETAIL. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER ANY UPCOMING VISITS TO WASHINGTON WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS PLANNED BY COMMUNITY OFFICIALS KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THIS SUBJECT. END FYI.

4. FOR LONDON: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO YOU CAN PROVIDE ON PREPARATIONS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY IWC SECRETARIAT FOR FORTHCOMING PREPGROUP MEETING. YOU SHOULD NOT INDICATE TO PAROTTE AT THIS TIME OUR INTENTION OF ADVISING HIM OF US VIEWS, HOWEVER. KISSINGER UNQTE INGERSOLL

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